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## Board of Health Minutes 5/12/2010

**Board of Health Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 12, 2010**  
**Ground Floor Conference Room**  
**Senior Center, 27 Maple Street**  
**5:30pm**

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Marie Walsh Condon, Mr. Gregory Leonardos and Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick (Chair)

Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly, Director of Health and Human Services, and Natasha Waden, Health Inspector.

The March 24, 2010 meeting minutes were accepted as written.

Inspector Waden presented the HACCP plan for Mr. Sushi to the Board. Owner Julie Ahn was present. Waden reported that a signed copy of the HACCP plan had been submitted prior to the meeting. An employee from Manna Sushi was present. Additionally, Waden reported that inspection reports have been satisfactory. The Board unanimously voted to renew Mr. Sushi with a new Variance to render sushi rice non-potentially hazardous by way of acidification.

Inspector Waden presented the HACCP plan for Toraya to the Board. A representative from the establishment was present. Waden reported that there were a number of deficiencies with the plan submitted. The Board unanimously voted not to grant the variance to render sushi rice non-potentially hazardous by way of acidification until all documents have been submitted. Waden stated that a letter would be sent to the owner identifying the deficiencies of the plan.

Inspector Waden presented the HACCP plan for Sabatino's to the Board. Owner, Sam Iweis and Food Consultant, Lisa Berger was present. The Board unanimously voted to renew Sabatino's Italian Restaurant with a variance to use time as a public health control for the purpose of holding pizza and calzones at room temperature. Said variance will be reviewed and renewed annually.

A hearing was held with Mystic Street Gulf to discuss the sale of tobacco to a minor. Inspector Waden reported that a tobacco compliance check was conducted at the establishment on Thursday April 29, 2010 at 8:22PM. Waden stated that a 17-year-old male purchased a pack of Newport cigarettes. Waden also reported that this establishment has violated the tobacco regulations on three out of the last four occasions when tobacco compliance checks were conducted. Upon review of the establishment's history, the board unanimously voted to suspend the establishment's license to sell tobacco products for a period of 7 days. In addition the board warned if this establishment sells to a minor within the 2010 calendar year, the Board of Health will revoke said permit to sell tobacco for the remainder of that calendar year. Waden reported that the 7-day suspension would be served starting on Monday, May 17, 2010 through to the end of business on Sunday, May 23, 2010.

A hearing was held with Walgreen's located at 1425 Mass Ave to discuss the sale of tobacco to a minor. Inspector Waden reported that a compliance check was conducted at the establishment on Thursday April 29, 2010 at 7:18PM. Waden stated that a 17-year-old male purchased a pack of Newport cigarettes. Waden also reported that this establishment's last offense was in March of 2006. Upon review of the history, the board unanimously voted to suspend the establishment's license to sell tobacco products for a period of 7 days. Waden reported that the 7-day suspension would be served starting on Monday, May 17, 2010 through to the end of business on Sunday, May 23, 2010.

Director Connolly provided the Board with an update on regionalization. Connolly reported that the three communities Lexington, Belmont and Arlington would not be regionalizing into one health department. Upon reviewing the cost benefits it was determined that it would not be in Arlington's best interest at this time. Connolly stated that instead, regionalizing some services such as the Sealer of Weights and Measures would be the first step in the regionalization process. Connolly reported that she would be preparing a proposal for Belmont and Lexington to regionalize the Sealer of Weights and Measures position within Arlington. Connolly ended by stating she would keep the Board up to date on the progress as it develops.

Inspector Waden provided the Board with the following restaurant updates: LaPosada- a Mexican restaurant has opened at

1312 Mass Ave. The Meat House- a retail Butcher shop conducting reduced oxygen packaging for raw meat products has opened at 1398 Mass Ave. In addition the office had issued 3 ice cream truck permits to date. Establishments in the plan review process include the following: Chef Co a Chinese restaurant taking over for Beijing Kitchen at 14 Medford Street, and Commella's an Italian eatery moving into 202 Mass Ave, which was not previously a food establishment.

Director Connolly reviewed a letter written to the Board from a resident regarding a tobacco complaint concerning outdoor second hand smoke. Connolly summarized the letter by stating that the resident had requested that the Board look into developing regulations requiring smokers to contain their outdoor secondhand smoke to ensure that it does not cross property lines. The Board took the complaint into consideration. No further action was taken at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.